

Your Rights as an Employer in Hiring Non-Citizens

You have the right to:

- Ask all new employees (U. S. citizens and non-citizens) to show documents that establish identity and work authorization;
- Request re-verification documents as indicated;
- Base your decisions about firing on job performance and behavior;
- Establish written codes of conduct, performance standards;
- Expect that an employee performs a job as defined in the job description.

What if the papers I accept are false?

- You must examine the document(s) presented. If they appear reasonably genuine and they relate to the person presenting them, you must accept them.
- If you hire a person in good faith based on documents that appear reasonably genuine, you cannot be charged with accepting unauthorized or false documents.

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Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-
Related Unfair Employment Practices
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Washington, D.C. 20530
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Questions? Would you like more information?

U.S. Department of Justice
Employer Hotline: 1-800-255-8155
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Employing Immigrants web site
www.seattle.gov/employingimmigrants

City of Seattle Office for Civil Rights
206-684-4500, TTY 206-684-4503
www.seattle.gov/civilrights

King County Office of Civil Rights
206-296-7592, TTY 206-296-7596
<http://www.metrokc.gov/dias/ocre>

Washington State
Human Rights Commission
206-464-6500, TTY 206-587-5168
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A Handbook for Employers



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What Do Employers Need to Know?

- Applicants can choose which documents to use to prove eligibility to work in the U.S.;
- Verify on the I-9 that you have seen documents that establish identity and authorization to work;
- Keep I-9 forms on file;
- Avoid “citizenship only” or “resident only” hiring policies;
- Treat all people the same when announcing jobs, interviewing, filling out I-9 forms, hiring and firing;
- Give the same job information over the phone and use the same application for all applicants.

List of Acceptable Documents (all documents must be unexpired)

Group A – Documents that establish both identity and work eligibility

- Valid U.S. Passport
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)
- Unexpired foreign passport, with I-551 stamp or attached INS Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization
- Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (I-151 or I-551)
- Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (INS Form I-688B)
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (I-688A)
- Unexpired Reentry Permit (I-327)
- Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (I-571)

- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by the INS which contains a photograph (I-688B)

Group B

– Documents that establish only identity

- Driver’s license or ID card issued by a state or U.S. possession
- ID card issued by federal, state or local government
- School ID card with a photograph
- Voter’s registration card
- U.S. Military card or draft record
- Military dependent’s ID card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document
- Driver’s license issued by a Canadian government authority

For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:

- School record or report card
- Clinic, doctor, or hospital record
- Day-care or nursery school record

Group C – Documents that establish only work eligibility

- U.S. social security card issued by the Social Security Administration
- Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (FS-545 or DS-1350)
- Original or certified copy of an official U.S.-issued birth certificate
- Native American tribal document
- U.S. Citizen ID Card (I-197)
- ID Card for use of Resident Citizen in the United States (I-179)
- Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS (other than those listed under List A)